

Smith (WA)	Thornberry	Waters
Snyder	Tiahrt	Watson
Souder	Tiberi	Watt
Space	Tierney	Waxman
Speier	Titus	Weiner
Spratt	Tonko	Welch
Stark	Towns	Westmoreland
Stearns	Tsongas	Wexler
Stupak	Turner	Whitfield
Sullivan	Upton	Wilson (OH)
Sutton	Van Hollen	Wilson (SC)
Tanner	Velázquez	Wittman
Taylor	Visclosky	Wolf
Teague	Walden	Woolsey
Terry	Walz	Wu
Thompson (CA)	Wamp	Yarmuth
Thompson (MS)	Wasserman	Young (AK)
Thompson (PA)	Schultz	

NOT VOTING—10

Coffman (CO)	Johnson (GA)	Schrader
Dingell	Lucas	Young (FL)
Eshoo	Oberstar	
Gohmert	Pence	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 548, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was not present during the rollcall vote No. 548 on July 16. I would have voted "yes."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 16, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a letter received from Ms. Cathy Mitchell, Chief of the Elections Division of the California Secretary of State's office, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held July 14, 2009, the Honorable Judy Chu was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Second Congressional District, State of California.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER

(By Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk).

Enclosure.

ELECTIONS DIVISION,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Sacramento, CA, July 15, 2009.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, for Representative in Congress from the Thirty-Second Congressional District of California, show that Judy Chu received 15,238 votes or 61.67% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

According to the unofficial results, Judy Chu has been elected as Representative in Congress from the Thirty-Second Congressional District of California.

To the best of the Secretary of State's knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by Los Angeles County, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

(For Cathy Mitchell, Chief,
Elections Division).

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JUDY CHU, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from California, the Honorable JUDY CHU, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the California delegation present themselves in the well. All Members will rise, and the Representative-elect will raise her right hand.

Ms. CHU appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 111th Congress.

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WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JUDY CHU TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, as the dean of the California delegation, it is my duty and a deep pleasure to introduce the newest addition to our delegation, Dr. JUDY CHU. The election of Dr. CHU is groundbreaking—not only because she's a Renaissance woman—she taught psychology at East Los Angeles Community College—but also because she's the first Chinese American woman ever to serve in Congress.

Dr. CHU's impressive record as an elected official goes back over a few years. She was elected to the Garvey School District's Board in 1985. She's held the title of mayor, city council-

woman, State assemblywoman and chair of the Assembly appropriations committee, vice chair of the California State Board of Equalization, and now a Member of Congress.

The causes she has championed over the years are as varied and important as the offices she has served in. As chair of the Assembly appropriations committee, she ensured that programs benefiting students, people with disabilities, and the elderly were properly funded. Her effectiveness extended to the Assembly floor, building coalitions to pass legislation that enhanced protections for victims of domestic violence, strengthened hate crime laws, and brought much-needed improvements to public school facilities.

Her experience as a professor, public servant, and advocate for families and the less fortunate will make her an important voice in this Congress. I know she's ready to hit the ground running.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Chu to the House of Representatives.

I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Chu).

Ms. CHU. Speaker PELOSI and fellow Members of the House of Representatives, I'm so honored and humbled to be here in this great hall of Congress. I'm especially honored to follow in the footsteps of my mentor, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, whose support and encouragement I truly cherish.

I am proud to have been elected by a district of people in California, in the San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles, that is diverse, that is working class, and that cares deeply about its senior centers, parks, and community centers.

They are anxious to ensure that their kids will have a job when they graduate from college, that they don't have to fear getting sick, and that they can be secure in staying in their homes. I look forward to working with you and making sure that this happens.

I want to thank my supporters for believing in me so strongly. And they are up there. I want to thank my family, my nieces—my family especially. My husband, Mike Eng.

It is at times like this when I think about my grandfather, who came to this country with nothing. He worked hard and opened up a small Chinese restaurant and working night and day, day and night, and he used that very expensive labor—his sons—to make ends meet. And now, two generations later, here I am.

America is truly the land of opportunity. I thank you all very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU), the whole number of the House is 434.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

LOS PADRES FOREST LAND CONVEYANCE

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 129, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 129, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 422, nays 0, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 549]

YEAS—422

Abercrombie	Cassidy	Frelinghuysen
Ackerman	Castle	Fudge
Aderholt	Castor (FL)	Gallegly
Adler (NJ)	Chaffetz	Garrett (NJ)
Akin	Chandler	Gerlach
Alexander	Childers	Giffords
Altmire	Chu	Gingrey (GA)
Andrews	Clarke	Gohmert
Arcuri	Cleaver	Gonzalez
Austria	Clyburn	Goodlatte
Baca	Coble	Gordon (TN)
Bachmann	Coffman (CO)	Granger
Baird	Cohen	Graves
Baldwin	Cole	Grayson
Barrett (SC)	Conaway	Green, Al
Barrow	Connolly (VA)	Green, Gene
Bartlett	Conyers	Griffith
Barton (TX)	Cooper	Grijalva
Bean	Costa	Guthrie
Becerra	Costello	Gutierrez
Berkley	Courtney	Hall (NY)
Berman	Crenshaw	Halvorson
Berry	Crowley	Hare
Biggert	Cuellar	Harman
Bilbray	Culberson	Harper
Bilirakis	Cummings	Hastings (FL)
Bishop (GA)	Dahlkemper	Hastings (WA)
Bishop (NY)	Davis (AL)	Heinrich
Bishop (UT)	Davis (CA)	Heller
Blackburn	Davis (IL)	Hensarling
Blumenauer	Davis (KY)	Heger
Blunt	Davis (TN)	Herseth Sandlin
Boccheri	Deal (GA)	Higgins
Boehner	DeFazio	Hill
Bonner	DeGette	Himes
Bono Mack	Delahunt	Hinche
Boozman	DeLauro	Hinojosa
Boren	Dent	Hirono
Boswell	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hodes
Boucher	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hoekstra
Boustany	Dicks	Holden
Boyd	Dingell	Holt
Brady (PA)	Doggett	Honda
Brady (TX)	Donnelly (IN)	Hoyer
Brale (IA)	Doyle	Hunter
Bright	Dreier	Inglis
Brown (GA)	Driebehaus	Inslee
Brown (SC)	Duncan	Israel
Brown, Corrine	Edwards (MD)	Issa
Brown-Waite,	Edwards (TX)	Jackson (IL)
Ginny	Ehlers	Jackson-Lee
Buchanan	Ellison	(TX)
Burgess	Ellsworth	Jenkins
Burton (IN)	Emerson	Johnson (GA)
Butterfield	Engel	Johnson (IL)
Buyer	Eshoo	Johnson, E.B.
Calvert	Etheridge	Johnson, Sam
Camp	Fallin	Jones
Campbell	Farr	Jordan (OH)
Cantor	Fattah	Kagen
Cao	Filner	Kanjorski
Capito	Flake	Kaptur
Capps	Fleming	Kennedy
Capuano	Forbes	Kildee
Cardoza	Fortenberry	Kilpatrick (MI)
Carnahan	Foster	Kilroy
Carney	Fox	Kind
Carson (IN)	Frank (MA)	King (IA)
Carter	Franks (AZ)	King (NY)

Kingston	Moore (KS)	Schiff
Kirk	Moore (WI)	Schmidt
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Moran (KS)	Schock
Kissell	Moran (VA)	Schwartz
Klein (FL)	Murphy (CT)	Scott (GA)
Kline (MN)	Murphy (NY)	Scott (VA)
Kosmas	Murphy, Patrick	Sensenbrenner
Kratovil	Murphy, Tim	Serrano
Kucinich	Murtha	Sessions
Lamborn	Myrick	Sestak
Lance	Nadler (NY)	Shadegg
Langevin	Napolitano	Shea-Porter
Larsen (WA)	Neal (MA)	Sherman
Larson (CT)	Neugebauer	Shimkus
Latham	Nunes	Shuler
LaTourette	Nye	Shuster
Latta	Oberstar	Simpson
Lee (CA)	Obey	Skelton
Lee (NY)	Olson	Slaughter
Levin	Olver	Smith (NE)
Lewis (CA)	Ortiz	Smith (NJ)
Lewis (GA)	Pallone	Smith (TX)
Linder	Pascarella	Smith (WA)
Lipinski	Pastor (AZ)	Snyder
LoBiondo	Paul	Souder
Loebach	Paulsen	Space
Lofgren, Zoe	Payne	Speier
Lowey	Perlmutter	Spratt
Luetkemeyer	Perriello	Stark
Lujan	Peters	Stearns
Lummis	Peterson	Stupak
Lungren, Daniel	Petri	Sullivan
E.	Pingree (ME)	Sutton
Lynch	Pitts	Tanner
Mack	Platts	Taylor
Maffei	Poe (TX)	Teague
Maloney	Polis (CO)	Terry
Manzullo	Pomeroy	Thompson (CA)
Marchant	Posey	Thompson (MS)
Markey (CO)	Price (GA)	Thompson (PA)
Markey (MA)	Price (NC)	Thornberry
Marshall	Putnam	Tiahrt
Massa	Quigley	Tiberi
Matheson	Radanovich	Tierney
Matsui	Rahall	Tonko
McCarthy (CA)	Rangel	Towns
McCarthy (NY)	Rehberg	Tsongas
McCaul	Reichert	Turner
McClintock	Reyes	Upton
McCollum	Richardson	Van Hollen
McCotter	Rodriguez	Visclosky
McDermott	Roe (TN)	Walden
McGovern	Rogers (AL)	Walz
McHenry	Rogers (KY)	Wamp
McHugh	Rogers (MI)	Wasserman
McIntyre	Rohrabacher	Schultz
McKeon	Rooney	Waters
McMahon	Ros-Lehtinen	Watson
McMorris	Roskam	Watt
Rodgers	Ross	Waxman
McNerney	Rothman (NJ)	Weiner
Meek (FL)	Roybal-Allard	Welch
Meeks (NY)	Royce	Westmoreland
Melancon	Ruppersberger	Wexler
Mica	Ryan (OH)	Whitfield
Michaud	Ryan (WI)	Wilson (OH)
Miller (FL)	Salazar	Wilson (SC)
Miller (MI)	Sánchez, Linda	Wittman
Miller (NC)	T.	Wolf
Miller, Gary	Sánchez, Loretta	Woolsey
Miller, George	Sarbanes	Wu
Minnick	Scalise	Yarmuth
Mitchell	Schakowsky	Young (AK)
Mollohan	Schauer	

NOT VOTING—11

Bachus	Pence	Titus
Clay	Rush	Velázquez
Hall (TX)	Schrader	Young (FL)
Lucas	Sires	

□ 1229

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUES- TION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Walden submitted an amendment to the Committee on Rules to H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act;

Whereas the said gentleman's amendment would have protected the free speech rights of broadcasters and American citizens by prohibiting funds made available in the Act from being used to implement the Fairness Doctrine and certain broadcast localism regulations,

Whereas a similar amendment was adopted by the House in 2007 during consideration of H.R. 2829, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008 by a vote of 309 yeas and 115 nays, and became law, but the Democratic leadership allowed the provision to expire;

Whereas the gentleman's amendment complied with all applicable Rules of the House for amendments to appropriations measures and would have been in order under an open amendment process; but regrettably the House Democratic leadership has dramatically and historically reduced the opportunity for free speech on this Floor, and

Whereas the Speaker, Mrs. Pelosi, the Democratic leadership, and the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Mr. Obey, prevented the House from voting on the amendment by excluding it from the list of amendments made in order under the rule for the bill: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That H. Res. 644, the rule to accompany H.R. 3170, be amended to allow the gentleman from Oregon's amendment be considered and voted on in the Houses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Oregon will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

JOINT VENTURES FOR BIRD HABITAT CONSERVATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the